



MATTHEW RYU

GUITARIST, COMPOSER, ARRANGER, TEACHER

ABOUT ME

Matthew Ryu is a Boston-based guitarist and performer who brings his global musical identity to modern improvisation music. He experiments with interplay between musicians and people with his performances and compositions. In a world of separation, Matthew seeks to unify people by means of deep engagement with musicians, listeners, and students, with one melody at a time.

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EDUCATION

2018-2021, 2024-2025

Berklee College of Music

Bachelor's

Double Major in Jazz

Composition and

Performance

Berklee Global Jazz Institute

Undergraduate Program

Scholarships

- Berklee Merit Scholarship
- CJ Music Scholarship

Awards

- Tad Dameron Award
- Guitar Department
Achievement Award
- Dean's List

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)

Korean (fluent)

Thai (moderate)

Chinese (basic)

INTERESTS/SKILLS

Photography

Videography

Teaching

Media production

EXPERIENCES

Guitarist (since 2017)

- International performances at in Boston, Thailand, and Korea(2016-)
- Smile Carnival - Charity event concert (2017)
- Thailand International Jazz Day Festival (2022, 2024)
- Berklee Great American Songbook Nu-Vintage guitarist (2020)
- Berklee Guitar Night: Classical and Fingerstyle Showcase (2021)
- Berklee Guitar Night: Jazz and Blues (2025)
- Studio recording guitarist (2020-)
- Community service concerts at Suffolk Prison, Evans Park Assisted Living, Lemuel Shattuck Hospital(2024-2025)

Guitar teacher (since 2017-)

- Private lessons from total beginners to advanced players of all ages

Berklee Core Music Tutor (2019-2020)

- Tutoring and assisting students who seek help with their core music classes

Republic of Korea Army Band Guitarist (2022-2024)

- Ground Operations Command division army band guitarist
- Toured Korea for concerts
- Guitar teacher for soldiers
- Korean military concert TV appearance

Berklee ESL English Tutor (2024)

- Tutoring international students in ESL classes

Photographer - Concerts, events, headshots, etc. (2024-)

Berklee Photographer (2025)

Berklee Summer Program Accompanist - Guitarist (2025)

- Accompanying summer program student ensembles and recitals

Berklee Practice Facility Monitor (2025)

- Maintaining practice facilities, helping students as needed, overlooking equipments

John Payne Music Center - Boston (2026)

- Guitar, piano, ukulele, bass instructor

Somerville Community Baptist Church Guitarist (2025-)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Youtube:

<https://youtube.com/@matthewryu>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/matthewryu>